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EL SALVADOR: 2Ø KILLED, 19 WOUNDED IN AMBUSH OF BUS

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PARIS AFP IN SPANISH 1629 GMT 2Ø AUG 81

((TEXT)) SAN SALVADOR, 2Ø AUG (AFP) -- MORE THAN 2Ø KILLED AND 19 WOUNDED WAS THE UNOFFICIAL TOLL OF A GUERRILLA ATTACK THIS MORNING ON A BUS THAT WAS GOING FROM JUCUARAN TO THE CITY OF USULUTAN, 12Ø KM EAST OF HERE, MILITARY SOURCES HAVE REPORTED.

THE BUS WAS CARRYING 4Ø PASSENGERS, INCLUDING FIVE SOLDIERS, WHO REPELLED THE AMBUSH BY THE SUBVERSIVES, ACCORDING TO THE INITIAL REPORTS OBTAINED BY AFP.

ONE OF THE SOLDIERS WAS KILLED AND THE OTHER FOUR WERE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.

IN THE ENSUING SHOOTOUT AFTER THE GUERRILLA ATTACK 2Ø CIVILIANS WERE KILLED AND 15 PERSONS WERE WOUNDED.

QUERIED ABOUT THIS, A SOURCE OF THE ARMED FORCES PRESS COMMITTEE (COPREFA) SAID THAT "IN FACT THE FIGURES ARE EXACT, ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT HAVE FURTHER DETAILS BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE FULL OFFICIAL REPORT."

NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED AMONG THE ATTACKING REBELS, WHICH IS TO BE EXPECTED, SINCE THE MOVE WAS A SURPRISE ATTACK ON THE PASSENGERS AND SOLDIERS.

IN THAT REGION ACTIONS OF THIS SORT ARE COMMON, WHICH IS WHY PASSENGER BUSES USUALLY TAKE MILITARY ESCORTS TO OFFER SECURITY TO THE CIVILIANS, IT WAS NOTED.

MEANWHILE, IT WAS LEARNED TODAY THAT THE RANKING MILITARY AUTHORITIES OF THE COUNTRY WILL TRAVEL TO PERQUIN, MORAZAN DEPARTMENT, IN THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF THE COUNTRY. THIS TOWNSHIP HAD BEEN HELD BY THE FARABUNDO MARTI NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (FMLN) GUERRILLAS AND WAS RETAKEN YESTERDAY BY THE ARMED FORCES.
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